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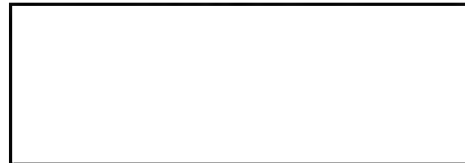Department of Commerce Observer

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FROM:

Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: APEX

1. Attached is a memorandum for personnel who might care to attend a seminar 5 - 6 May 1980 at CIA on APEX, the new Special Access Control System.

2. Your departments or agencies have not been participants in the APEX Steering Panel and this memorandum invites you to attend or nominate one or two representatives.

3. Please provide me the names and addresses of your attendees by COB Thursday, 10 April 1980.

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Attachment

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

April 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: APEX Seminar Attendees

FROM   : Special Assistant to the DCI for Compartmentation

SUBJECT   : APEX Seminar, 5-6 May 1980

1.   The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you some
information on the APEX Seminar. This seminar will give us a
significant and unique opportunity to initiate a consistent and
coordinated implementation of the APEX Special Access Control
System. The different perspectives represented by the participants
will afford an opportunity for all of us to learn and will make
APEX implementation much easier for the entire Intelligence Com-
munity.

2. · Although the APEX System is new and of tremendous
significance, it is not awesome. Understanding its basics,
however, is of sufficient importance that Admiral Turner, the
Director of Central Intelligence, will make the keynote address
for the seminar. The major purpose of the seminar is to acquaint
the principal security implementers with the genesis, philosophy
and major administrative security aspects of the APEX system.
It is not designed, nor intended, to tell you how APEX will work
in any one of the hundreds of APEX Control Facilities. Only the
on-site APEX Security Officers and APEX Control Officers can make
it work based on the guidelines that will be presented at the
seminar.

3.   The seminar presentations are calculated to orient you
to the system and to answer the most important, common, questions
raised within the Intelligence Community. Since many of the
APEX System details must be evolved during implementation, please
do not expect that the answers which are provided will remain un-
changing. APEX will be a dynamic system throughout its implementation.

4. Since some 200 to 250 participants will take part in the seminar, it must be conducted under relatively strict ground rules. These are:

    a. Questions must be written in advance and submitted to the Steering Group for response. There will be periods during the seminar which may be used to draft any questions you may have. Those questions which are deemed to be pertinent to a large segment of the Intelligence Community will be publicly answered; the remainder will have answers provided directly to the originator.

    b. You should make every effort to ensure that the questions you pose pertain to a significant cross section of the Intelligence Community. Only questions dealing with problem areas, inconsistencies or confusing concepts should be addressed. Questions dealing with the detailed impact or implementation of APEX within your particular organization should not be presented. Such matters should be addressed to, and dealt with by, your organization's representative to the APEX Steering Group at a later date.

    c. Questions should emphasize Phase I and Phase II implementation concerns.

5. I recommend you completely familiarize yourself with the material in the attached "pre-seminar" package to enable your meaningful participation in the seminar. Such a review will also give you an opportunity to draft some of your questions in advance.

6. Additional administrative details concerning the seminar will be provided you as they are developed.

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